GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:12
ANSWERED ON:23.07.2001
TOURNAMENT FOR WORLD JUNIOR MEN`S VOLLEYBALL
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Qualification Tournament for the World Junior Men`s Volleyball Championship was held in Islamabad in May, 2001;

(b) if so, the names of the countries participated in this tournament;

(c) whether the proposal for India`s participation in this tournament was cleared by the Government; and

(d) if so, the reasons for denying the Indian cricket team to play with Pakistan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the countries which participated in this tournament are Korea, Saudi Arabia, Japan, Iran, Pakistan, India, Chinese Taipei, Australia and Kazakhstan.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) After taking all the factors relevant into consideration the Government has come to the view that the circumstances at present are not yet fully conducive for the Indian Cricket team to participate in any bilateral series between the two countries.